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## **EDUCATION**

- November 2009 – Present *PhD in Political Science*, University of Helsinki, Finland.  
Research Title: Populism in Perspective: Rise of the Finns Party and the Justice and Development Party in Finland and Turkey.
- 2007 – 2008 *M.A. in European Politics*, University of Essex, UK.  
Dissertation Title: European Security Understanding in the Aftermath of 9/11: A Discursive Analysis.
- Spring 2006 *B.A. Erasmus Exchange Student in Economics*, Erasmus University, Netherlands.
- 2002 – 2007 *B.A. in Political Science and International Relations*, Boğaziçi University, Turkey.

## **EMPLOYMENT**

- November 2011 – Present *Part-Time Lecturer*, Democratic Theory and Practices (B.A. Intermediate), Department of Political and Economic Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- October 2010 – April 2013 *Research Assistant*, Political Frontiers in Finland – A Comparative Perspective, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- March – April 2011 *Part-Time Lecturer*, Department of Political Science and Contemporary History, University of Turku, Finland.
- 2008 – 2009 *Academic Assistant*, Department of Government, University of Essex, UK.
- Spring 2007 *Teaching Assistant*, History of Political Thought, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University.
- Spring 2007 *Teaching Assistant*, Diplomatic History, Department of Political Science and International Relations, Bogazici University.
- October 2005 – May 2007 *Academic Assistant*, Department of Government, University of Essex, UK.
- June – September 2006 *Education Advisor*, European Union Information Centre, Istanbul, Turkey.

## **PUBLICATIONS**

- ‘EU-Turkey Readmission Deal: How All Sides Have Lost,’ April 7, 2016, [Turkey Analyst](#), Vol. 9, Issue 5.
- ‘EU:n ja Turkin välinen sopimus pakolaisista: Kuinka kaikki puolet hävisivät,’ April 6, 2016, [Turvaa Etsimässä](#) (The joint blog of [the Finnish Cultural and Academic Institutes](#)).
- ‘Tilapäisesti suojellut – Syyrialaiset Turkissa’ (Temporarily Protected – Syrians in Turkey) December 17, 2015, [Turvaa Etsimässä](#).
- ‘Playing the System: Laclau, Oakeshott and Skeptical Populism,’ [Telos](#), Vol. 173 (Winter 2015): 163-179.
- ‘The Syrian Refugees in Turkey Remain at the Mercy of the Turkish Government,’ December 17, 2014, [Turkey Analyst](#), Vol. 7, Issue 23.
- ‘You Reap What You Sow: The Rise of ISIS and the Sectarian Dimension of the AKP’s Foreign Policy,’ June 25, 2014, [Turkey Analyst](#), Vol. 7, Issue 12.
- ‘Mass Murder in Soma Mine: Crony Capitalism and Fetish of Growth in Turkey,’ June 9, 2014, [Politiikasta.fi](#).
- ‘Turkey’s Election Failings May Lead to Yet Another Legitimacy Crisis for Erdoğan,’ April 4, 2014, [Open Democracy](#).
- ‘Turkey’s Local Elections, Erdoğan and the Spectre of Gezi,’ March 26, 2014, [Open Democracy](#).
- ‘The Unbearable Burden of Being and Intellectual in Today’s Turkey,’ March 13, 2014, [Open Democracy](#).
- ‘Can Turkey Handle Free and Fair Elections?’ February 26, 2014, [Open Democracy](#).
- ‘Political Crisis and the Question of Rule of Law in Turkey,’ January 15, 2014, [Open Democracy](#).
- ‘Post-Foundationalism of Laclau and Oakeshott: Politics of Faith, Skepticism and Populism,’ [Annales Philosophici](#), Vol. 7(2013): 26-37.
- ‘Sectarian Dimensions of Turkey’s Involvement in Syria,’ September 19, 2012, [Politiikasta.fi](#).
- ‘Wall Street Protestors, Starbucks and Liberal Communists’ (*Turkish*), October 11, 2011, [Bianet News](#).
- ‘Voiko Turkia todellakin pitää muslimimaailman mallivaltiona?’ (Can Turkey be a Model for Muslim World?) February 25, 2011, [Helsingin Sanomat](#).

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- *Populism & Democracy* – B.A. level course at the Department of Political & Economic Studies [791140A], autumn 2011 – Present, University of Helsinki, Finland. 5 ECTS, 42 students in average.
- *Political Thought of Michael Oakeshott* – Guest Lecture as part of Foundations of Political Thought course [790Y110], February 29, 2016, Department of Political & Economic Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland. 18 students.
- *Populist Challenge to Democracy* – Guest lecture as part of Democracy & Political Participation course [71625], given once a year on November 19, 2013, March 16, 2015, and February 10, 2016, Swedish School of Social Sciences, University of Helsinki, Finland. 15 students in average.

- *Syrian Refugees on the Way to Europe* – Guest lecture as part of Security & Europe course [7993908], February 9, 2016, Network for European Studies, University of Helsinki, Finland. 40 students.
- *Populist Challenge in Western Europe* – B.A. level course at the Department of Political Science & Contemporary History, spring 2011, University of Turku, Finland. 5 ECTS, 12 students.

### **CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION**

- ‘Laclau, Populism and the Political’, panel co-organizer at *66<sup>th</sup> Political Studies Association Annual International Conference*, 21-23 March 2016, Brighton, UK.
- ‘Populism on Steroids: Erdoğan and His “Enemies” in Turkey,’ Populism as Movement and Rhetoric Conference, 17-19 March 2016, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- ‘When to Admit It: Turkish Elections in Dispute’, *Australian Political Science Association Annual Conference*, September 28 – October 1, 2014, Sydney, Australia.
- ‘Religion and state: Islamist movements and institutions in politics’ (Session Chair), *Concord, Conflict and Co-existence: Religion and Society in the Middle East and North Africa*, Finnish Institute in the Middle East, June 5-7, 2014, Turku, Finland.
- ‘Consensus, Corruption and Populist Upsurge of the Finns Party’, *European Sociological Association Conference*, August 27-31, 2013, Turin, Italy.
- ‘Populist Challenge in Finland: Electoral Revolutions 2011 and 2012’, *3<sup>rd</sup> Nordic Populism Network Seminar*, May 21-22, 2013, University of Turku, Finland.
- ‘Laclau and Oakeshott: Politics of Faith, Scepticism and Populism’, *Thinking the Political: The Work of Ernesto Laclau*, April 10-12, 2013, University of Brighton, UK.
- ‘Traditional and Entrepreneurial Populisms: Findings from Finland and Turkey’, *Logics of Populism and Radical Democracy: East and West*, December 18, 2012, University of Helsinki, Finland.
- ‘Middle-Easternisation of Turkish Foreign Policy: A Populist Logic of Articulation’, *European Consortium for Political Research (ECPR) General Conference*, August 2011, Reykjavik, Iceland. [Full Text](#).
- ‘Revealing the Naked Emperor: The Populist Challenge by the True Finns in the 2011 Elections’ by Emilia Palonen and Halil Gurhanli, *Eleventh Essex Conference in Critical Theory*, June 2011, University of Essex, UK.
- ‘A Comparative Analysis of the Competing Populisms and Democracy in Hungary and Turkey’ by Emilia Palonen and Halil Gurhanli, *Eleventh Essex Conference in Critical Theory*, June 2011, University of Essex, UK.
- Workshop Director ‘Populism and Democracy’ with Kaarlo Metsäranta, *43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Conference of the Finnish Political Science Association*, 20-21 January 2011, Jyväskylä, Finland.
- ‘Islamist Populism in Turkey and Its Effects on EU Enlargement Process’, *European Sociology Association Mid-Term Conference*, November 2010, University of Lille, France.
- ‘Balkanism, or the Balkans as the Phantasma of Europe’, *Eleventh Annual Finnish Colloquium of Southeast European Studies*, Tampere Peace Research Institute/University of Tampere, October 2010, Turku, Finland.

- ‘Evolution of Islamist-Right in Turkey: Royal Road to Government’, *42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Finnish Political Science Association*, March 2010, Helsinki and Tallinn.
- ‘Effects of the Treaty of Lisbon on Turkey’s Accession Negotiations’, *Workshop on Security Studies in Turkey*, December 2008, University of Bilkent, Turkey.
- ‘Europeanization of Turkish Foreign Policy in the post-9/11 Era’, *Second European Consortium for Political Research Graduate Conference*, August 2008, Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain.
- ‘Functioning of a Populist Logic of Articulation: Case of Turkey’. *6<sup>th</sup> Graduate Conference in Political Theory*, July 2008, University of Essex, UK.

## **PUBLIC TALKS AND APPEARANCES**

- ‘Democracy and Its Paradoxes,’ public talk given at [Chinese Alliance Finland](#), organised by Plan International, April 1, 2016, Finland.
- ‘Researcher Warns of Turkey’s Instability,’ interview for [Taloussanomat](#), March 16, 2016, Finland.
- ‘Turkish General Elections,’ commentary on live broadcasting of [YLE Aamu TV Show](#), November 2, 2015, Finland.
- ‘Why Turkey Downed the Russian Jet,’ interview for [YLE News](#), November 30, 2015, Finland.
- ‘Crisis of Mobilization at the Gates of Europe,’ keynote speech given at the [Annual Gathering of Finnish Political Science Students](#), October 2, 2015, Finland.
- ‘Turkey to Vote in Historic Elections,’ interview for [Helsingin Sanomat](#), June 6, 2015, Finland.
- ‘Trapped as Guest: Life of a Syrian in Turkey,’ public talk given at [Finnish Social Forum](#), April 25, 2015, Helsinki, Finland.
- ‘Turkish Government is getting increasingly more autocratic,’ interview for [Helsingin Sanomat](#), April 16, 2015.
- ‘Turkish “Refugee” Policy towards Syrian “Guests”,’ public talk given at [Syrian Refugee Crisis - Perspectives From Local and Global Level](#) organised by Anna Lindh Foundation, December 15, 2014, Yhdessä Yhdistys-RY, Turku, Finland.
- ‘Syrian Refugees in Turkey,’ public talk given at *Cross-Border Crisis in the Levant* organised by Pop-Up Art House, November 29, 2014, Helsinki, Finland.
- ‘Turkish Presidential Elections: Erdogan is expected to change hats,’ interview for [Helsingin Sanomat](#), August 9, 2014, Finland.
- ‘Turkish Elections Resulted as Expected,’ interview for [Helsingin Sanomat](#), March 30, 2014, Finland.
- ‘Hundreds of Police Officers Sacked in Turkey,’ televised interview for *YLE1 News*, January 7, 2014, Finland.
- ‘Situation in Cyprus Gets Even More Complicated,’ interview for Finnish Armed Forces’ Newspaper Ruotuväki, March 15, 2012, Finland.
- ‘Always One Eye on the Mirror: Contradictions in Turkey’s Public Persona,’ keynote speech given at *Between East and West: Turkey’s Strategic Choices* organised by Young European Federalists Helsinki & Atlantic Council of Finland Youth Network, May 24, 2010, Finland.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2014	<i>Travel Grant (€1.890)</i> Kone Foundation
2013	<i>Travel Grant (€900)</i> Kone Foundation
May 2012 – June 2016	<i>Doctoral Research Grant (€26.000/pa)</i> Kone Foundation
2010 – 2012	<i>Doctoral Research Grant (€15.000/pa)</i> Niilo Helander Foundation
2011	<i>Field Research Grant (€3.000)</i> Oskar Öflund Foundation
2011	<i>Travel Grant (€750)</i> Politu Graduate School
2011	<i>Chancellor's Travel Grant (€500)</i> University of Helsinki
2008	<i>Dean's Prize for a Distinctive Degree Result</i> University of Essex, Department of Government.
2007 – 2008	<i>Jean Monnet Graduate Scholarship (€28.761)</i> European Commission

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

Memberships	Nordic Populism Research Network; Finnish Graduate School of Political Science; Editor, Finnish Political Science Association Website ( <a href="http://politiikasta.fi">politiikasta.fi</a> ).
Nationalities	Turkish, Finnish
Languages	<i>Turkish</i> (Native), <i>English</i> (Proficient C2), <i>Finnish</i> (Independent B1), <i>German</i> (Basic A2).
References	Prof. Kemal Kirişçi, Director of Turkey Project, Brookings Institute, Washington, DC. <a href="mailto:kkirisci@brookings.edu">kkirisci@brookings.edu</a> .  Dr. Juri Mykkänen, Department of Political and Economic Sciences, University of Helsinki. <a href="mailto:juri.mykkanen@helsinki.fi">juri.mykkanen@helsinki.fi</a>  Dr. Emilia Palonen, Department of Political and Economic Sciences, University of Helsinki. <a href="mailto:emilia.palonen@helsinki.fi">emilia.palonen@helsinki.fi</a>